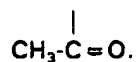


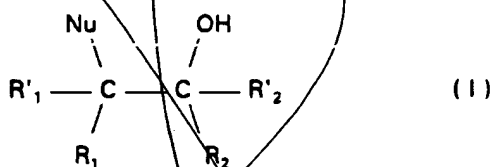
33. A support according to claim 32, wherein said divalent hydrocarbon radical forms part of a heterocycle.

34. A support according to claim 32, wherein said divalent hydrocarbon radical forms part of a ribose ring and said nucleophilic group is the 2'-O function of said ribose ring protected with a protecting group.

35. A support according to claim 34, wherein said nucleophilic group is

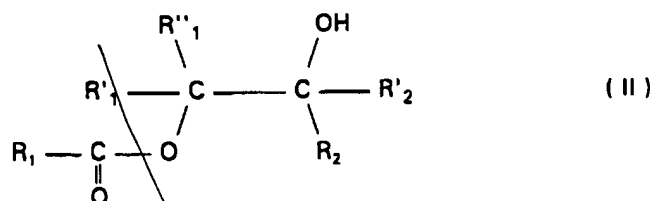


36. A support according to claim 32 comprising



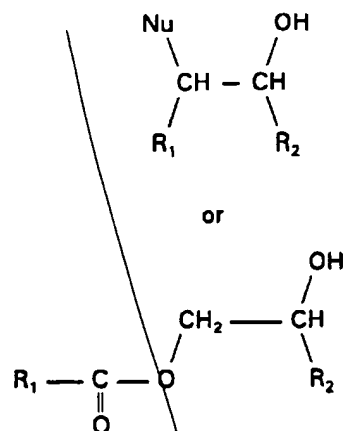
- wherein one of R_1 , R'_1 , R_2 , and R'_2 represents said inorganic or organic polymer or a hydrocarbon substituted with said inorganic or organic polymer, wherein three of R_1 , R'_1 , R_2 , and R'_2 are identical or different and represent, independently of each other, H or an optionally substituted group inert to solid phase nucleic acid synthesis conditions, or R_1 and R_2 taken together or R'_1 and R'_2 taken together form part of a heterocycle, and wherein Nu represents said nucleophilic group;

b) or a compound having the formula



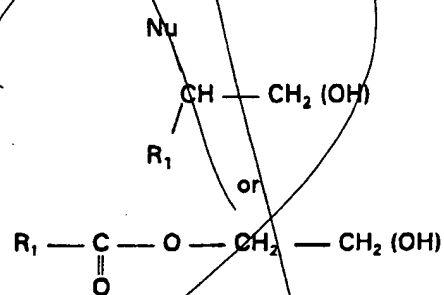
- wherein one of R_1 , R'_1 , R''_1 , R_2 , and R'_2 represents said inorganic or organic polymer or a hydrocarbon substituted with said inorganic or organic polymer, wherein four of R_1 , R'_1 , R''_1 , R_2 , and R'_2 are identical or different and represent, independently of each other, H or an optionally substituted group inert to solid phase nucleic acid synthesis conditions, or R_1 and R_2 taken together or R'_1 and R'_2 taken together form part of a heterocyclic moiety, and wherein Nu represents said nucleophilic group.

- 21
conf'd
37. A support according to claim 36, wherein R_1 , R'_1 , R''_1 , R_2 , and R'_2 are identical or different and represent an alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogens and Nu represents a nucleophilic group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NH}_2$, halogen, $-\text{OAlk}$, $-\text{SAlk}$, $-\text{NHAlk}$, $-\text{NHAc}$, $-\text{OAc}$, $-\text{SAc}$, and $-\text{N(Alk)}_2$, wherein Alk and Ac respectively represent an alkyl group and an acyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogens.
38. A support according to claim 36, wherein Nu represents a nucleophilic group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NHAc}$, $-\text{OAc}$, $-\text{SAc}$, and $-\text{N(Alk)}_2$, wherein Alk and Ac respectively represent a functionalizing group moiety to C_4 alkyl and an acyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogens.
39. A support according to claim 36, comprising a compound of formula



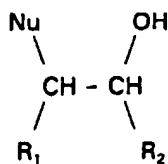
— wherein R_1 , R_2 , and Nu have the meaning given in claim 36.

40. A support according to claim 36, comprising a compound of formula



wherein R_1 and Nu have the meaning given in claim 36.

41. A solid support for the synthesis of a nucleic acid, said support comprising a compound having the formula:



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

- wherein R_1 and R_2 form part of a cyclic moiety coupled to an organic or inorganic polymer optionally bearing functional $-\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{NH}_2$ groups.
42. A support according to claim 41, wherein said cyclic moiety is a heterocycle.
43. A support according to claim 42, wherein said cyclic moiety is a ribose ring and Nu is the 2'-O function of said ribose ring protected with a protecting group.
44. A support according to claim 41, wherein Nu is a group of formula
- $$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{I}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}.$$
45. A compound comprising a nucleotide monomer bonded to the solid support according to claim 32 group inert to solid phase through a phosphate, phosphite or phosphorothioate group of said monomer to the oxygen atom residue of the hydroxy group.
46. A compound comprising a nucleotide monomer bonded to the solid support according to claim 36 group inert to solid phase through a phosphate, phosphite or phosphorothioate group of said monomer to the oxygen atom residue of the OH group of the formula I.
47. A compound comprising a nucleotide monomer bonded to the solid support according to claim 41 group inert to solid phase through a phosphate, phosphite or phosphorothioate group of said monomer to the oxygen atom residue of the hydroxy group of the formula I.